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Department of Parks and Engineering

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The Honorable Secretary Beverley K Swaim-Staley
State of Maryland, Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, MD 21076

RE: 2011 Annual MDOT Tour Meeting
Mayor & Council Priorities
City of Hagerstown, MD

Dear Secretary Swaim-Staley:

I am pleased to submit to you the list of priority items for discussion at the annual tour meeting scheduled for October 6, 2011.

The Mayor & Council discussed their priorities and proposed agenda items at their meeting held on August 16, 2011 and they are summarized as follows:

1. Regarding Highway User Revenues, please provide a summary of the Highway User Revenue (HUR) program and anticipated future funding. As you know, these funds are essential for local governments to be able to preserve the pavement of our street system. While we appreciate this year's increase, due to recent drastic cuts from the historic level of the HUR funds, we reduced our pavement maintenance and/or were forced to pull funds from other worthy projects to pave streets.
2. We would like to discuss if there is State funding to cover the costs of the City maintaining the State routes that basically continue in the City (such as Routes 60, 65, 64, etc.) now that our Highway User Revenue is greatly reduced.
3. Professional Court Extended – This request is to solicit Maryland Department of Transportation's assistance and support with the planning, design and construction of a connector road from Eastern Boulevard to the future Yale Drive. This project has direct benefits to the MDOT by reducing traffic volumes along US Route 40.
4. Summary of active MDOT projects in the City of Hagerstown.
5. Status of planning studies and long term improvements for Interstate 70 and 81.
6. Status of the Retrofit Sidewalk program and the Safe Routes to School program, both of which the City has used. We are also interested in the availability of any funding for the installation of bike lanes, established in our adopted Master Bicycle Plan.
7. A discussion of the feasibility of re-routing trucks and heavy traffic from the inner City Center off of Route 40.



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On behalf of the Mayor & Council, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your time to be spent visiting and meeting with us in the City of Hagerstown. If you have any questions or need additional information before the meeting date, please do not hesitate to contact me at 301-739-8577 extension 128, or rtissue@hagerstownmd.org

Sincerely,

CITY OF HAGERSTOWN

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City Engineer

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